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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE

1. SECRETARY MET WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SEPTEMBER 24 IN NEW YORK. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

2. ZAIRE: VAN ELSLANDE, EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS GOING TO KINSHASA IN NEXT FEW DAYS, ASKED SECRETARY ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON HELP FOR ZAIRE. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE HAD PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE INCLUDING A \$50 MILLION LOAN AND THAT THE ZAIRIANS HAD AGREED TO IMF CONDITIONS. THEY HAD ALSO ASKED US FOR ASSISTANCE ON FUEL. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT WHILE MOBUTU MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH, HE IS BASICALLY PRO-WESTERN. HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE ZAIRIAN SCENE COULD PROVOKE FAR GREATER PROBLEMS THAN HIS PRESENCE. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BELGIANS ON ZAIRE AND CAN COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON.

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3. CABINDA: VAN ELSLANDE ASKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S

VIEWS ON CABINDA. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT CABINDA HAS NO ORGANIC CONNECTION TO ANGOLA. WE ARE STAYING OUT OF THE CABINDA PROBLEM.

4. ANGOLA: THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE SO EQUIPPED THE MPLA THAT IN SIX MONTHS THEY HAVE GROWN FROM THE THIRD LARGEST TO THE LARGEST FORCE IN ANGOLA. THE MAJOR EFFORT MUST BE TO KEEP AS MUCH OF THE COUNTRY AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY THE RAILROADS, OUT OF MPLA HANDS.

5. TURKEY: THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL MAINTENANCE OF ARMS EMBARGO HELPS NO ONE AND ONLY PUTS THE TURKS IRREVOCABLY AGAINST US. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE QUESTIONING OUR TIES IF WE CAN TREAT TURKEY AND JORDAN AS WE HAVE. KISSINGER

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